## Resources

Should you have any problems or questions regarding restoring your voting rights, please contact:

Community Partners in Action

Noely Sanchez (860) 566-2030

Secretary of the State's Office (800) 540-3764

**Department of Correction** 

(860) 692-7780

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A probation officer at one of the following offices:

Bantam (860) 567-4646 Bridgeport (203) 576-3600 Bristol (860) 584-0073 Danbury (203) 797-4414 Danielson (860) 774-7537 (203) 877-1253 Derby (860) 741-2882 Enfield Hartford (860) 241-2300 Litchfield (860) 567-4646 Manchester (860) 649-1650 Middletown (860) 344-2998 Milford (203) 877-1253 New Britain (860) 515-5020 New Haven (203) 789-7876 New London (860) 442-9426 Norwalk (203) 866-5025 Norwich (860) 889-8351 Stamford (203) 965-5302 (860) 567-4646 Torrington Vernon (860) 649-1650 (203) 596-4195 Waterbury

(860) 423-6318

Claim your rights

Raise your voice

Use your power

Restore your vote

**Every vote counts** 

If you have been convicted of a felony and sentenced to probation, you still have the right to vote in Connecticut.

If you are registered in the city or town where you live, you don't have to do anything. If you are not registered, you can register by sending in a voter registration card.

Those sentenced to a correctional facility still lose their right vote in Connecticut. But it is easy to register or restore the right to vote after release or completion of parole.

Just send in a voter registration card.

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## Reclaim your voice

## Who can and cannot vote

## Restore your vote

Voting is a powerful way to have your opinion heard.

Elected officials enact legislation that has an impact on jobs, education, medical services and affordable housing.

By restoring your right to vote, you are empowering yourself and reconnecting with your community.

Voting allows you to play an active role in the democratic process by choosing your representatives and supporting the policies you favor. In Connecticut, individuals convicted of a felony and sentenced to a correctional facility lose their right to vote until they complete their sentence, including parole, and pay all fines.

But those convicted of a felony and sentenced to probation after January 1, 2002 do not lose their right to vote. If you are on probation or were on probation, you can vote.

The only exception is for those convicted of an election law violation. These individuals lose their right to vote when sentenced to probation. They can restore their right to vote after completing probation. Public Act 06-137, signed into law by Gov. M. Jodi Rell on June 6, 2006, has made it easy for those convicted of felonies to restore their right to vote.

Individuals who have completed their sentences (including parole) and have paid all fines can restore their voting rights simply by mailing a voter-registration card to their local Registrar of Voters.

Just call the Secretary of the State's Office at (800) 540-3764 and ask them to mail you a voter registration card. Fill it out and mail it to the Registrar of Voters in your city or town. Cards are also available at town halls, public libraries and probation offices.

Individuals who have lost their right to vote are not required to provide proof that they have completed their sentence. Each month the Registrars of Voters receive the names of those who have completed their sentences and are eligible to vote. Therefore, it is not necessary to show a Certificate of Discharge to a Registrar of Voters.

Just fill out and mail a voter registration card. It's that easy. You'll feel good about registering to vote. It's an important step in claiming your rights and expressing your voice in our democracy.